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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the communication mailed August 18, 2010, the period of response being extended from November 18, 2010 to February 18, 2011.

The fee of \$1,110.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity will be paid on line via an authorized credit card.

Respectfully submitted,

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